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Agriculture 2, Horticulture
and Dairy.

House File 283
By WALTER of Hardin, BUCK,
BROOKINGS and BASS.

Passed House, Date
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section one hundred sixty-one point seven
(161.7), Code 1950, relating to the number of apple
trees or other fruit trees per acre in a fruit
reservation.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 Section 1. Section one hundred sixty-one point seven
- 2 (161.7), Code 1950, is amended as follows:
- 3 1. Strike the word “forty” in line three (3) and
- 4 substitute therein the word “thirty”.
- 5 2. Strike the word “seventy” in line three (3) and
- 6 substitute therein the word “sixty”.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 283

The present section 161.7 requires that there shall be on each acre, at least 40 apple trees or 70 other fruit trees to qualify as a fruit tree reservation. Orchardng as it is now practiced in Iowa clearly indicates that these planting distances are too close for the best results. Such trees are more difficult to prune, spray and pick because most of the bearing wood is produced in the tops of the trees. This bill will reduce the number of fruit trees required per acre in a reservation.

At the present time, a fruit tree reservation, according to Code 1950, section 161.7, requires “not less than one nor more than ten acres in total area”—section 161.2. There are other requirements.

Present least requirements are 4 square rods average per apple tree.
Suggested amendments give 5.33 square rods per apple tree.
Other fruit trees are 2.28 square rods per tree.
Suggested amendments give 2.66 square rods per tree.